Haunted School Series
CONCRETE LABYRINTHOS

#29. Declaration Of War (1)

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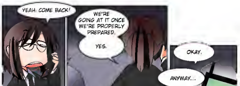
YEAH, COME BACK!
WE'RE GOING AT IT ONCE WE'RE PROPERLY PREPARED.
YES.
OKAY.
ANYWAY...

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THIS IS INTERESTING. HOW DID YOU DO IT?
WELL...
WE DEPLOYED AN EXPLORER ROBOT.
HMM
YOU KNOW HOW EASY IT IS TO ENTER THE OTHER SIDE, DON'T YOU?
SO, BASED ON THAT, WE DESIGNED A RIG...
ALL WE NEED TO DO IS COUNT ONE MORE WHILE USING THE STAIRS.
Antenna
Tires for rough terrain
Webcam for live video and the body contains motors
Auxiliary wheels that does count + 1 on the steps. The wheels are also in charge of direction, control, and balance.
THE AUXILIARY WHEELS SPEAK OUT NUMBERS + 1 FROM A SPEAKER WHENEVER IT CLIMBS DOWN A STEP.
..DOES THAT EVEN WORK?
I'M MORE SURPRISED THAT YOU'RE ABLE TO GET LIVE FEED FROM THIS FAR AWAY
OUR PROTOTYPE HELICOPTER CRASHED SOMEWHERE AROUND THERE BEFORE.
SOMEHOW ITS COMM. SYSTEM IS STILL FUNCTIONING...
WE ARE USING ITS COMM. AS A BOOSTER TO BOOST THE FEED.
HMM...
OH! IT LOOKS LIKE SOMETHING IS SHOWING UP!
CRRRR...
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CRRR...
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WOW...
WHAT IS THAT?
I'M NOT SURE...
BUT CONSIDERING WHERE IT WENT DOWN TO...
I HAVE NO IDEA HOW TALL THIS MIGHT BE BUT...
THIS THING HERE...
IS PROBABLY THE PILLAR, RIGHT?
THAT ALSO MEANS IT IS ALSO AT THE CENTER OF THE CROSS. I GUESS THE SCALE IS STILL 1:1 DOWN THERE.
IN OTHER WORDS, WE CAN GO THERE?
YES
!
I'M DONE PATROL-LING.
THANKS.
SO THIS IS THE PILLAR?
YES.
THE PILLAR THAT GRANTS WISHES
THE SOURCE OF THE [PIECES]
ALL THE [PIECES] COME FROM THERE.
WHAT WERE YOU CHOSEN BY THE [PIECE] FOR? WHAT IS YOUR WISH?
...IT'S NOT EVEN A WISH
I JUST...
I JUST WANTED A QUIET PLACE TO DRAW.
WANTED TO BE ABLE TO KEEP DRAWING WITHOUT ANY INTERFERENCE...
...I SEE.
I SEE WHY YOUR [PIECE] HAS SUCH POWERS.
IT MAKES DOORS AND LOCKS IT.
...
OTHERS ARE LIKE YOU...
LIKE...
YUN-JOO'S CASE... SHE DESIRED THE POWER TO BE ABLE TO CHALLENGE OTHER SEONBAES... THUS, SHE GAINED THE POWER TO PUSH STEEL OUT OF THIN AIR.
AND THAT TALL GUY?
BO-SON?
WELL... EVEN I DON'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT HIM.
HE WAS WITH YUN-JOO WHEN SHE APPEARED...
HIS [PIECE] IS GEARS... HE HAS THE POWER TO NULLIFY OTHERS' POWERS.
HE DOESN'T SEEM TOO COMPETITIVE EITHER
I SEE.
HOW ABOUT...
YOU? WHY ARE YOU HERE?
......
...IT'S NOT SOMETHING I NEED TO HIDE, SO I WILL TELL YOU.
YOU AND THE OTHERS HAVE BEEN CHOSEN BY THE [PIECES].
AND I AM ENVIOUS ABOUT THAT.
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FOR ME, I DIDN'T EVEN HAVE A CHANCE TO 'THINK' ABOUT THAT.
FOR PRETTY MUCH MY ENTIRE LIFE...
I DID WHAT I WAS TOLD.
PRACTICING ART, PIANO, ENGLISH, MATH...
AS I GOT OLDER, I BEGAN TO QUESTION MYSELF "WHY?"
THE ANSWER WAS THE SAME.
"FOR MY FUTURE."
I SPEND MY YOUTH NOW STUDYING HARD...
SO THAT I CAN SPEND THE REST OF MY LIFE EASIER THAN THOSE WHO NEGLECTED THEIR STUDIES.
BUT I STILL RETAINED THE SAME QUESTION.
AND I MOVED ON REGARDLESS AND BECAME AN ELITE
BUT,
WHAT IS THIS "FUTURE" THAT THEY TOLD ME ABOUT?
I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHY I'M DOING WHAT I'M DOING.
WHAT IS THIS FUTURE THAT THEY KEEP BRAIN-WASHING ME ABOUT?
FUTURE ME?
THEY TAKE AWAY MY TIME
TAKE AWAY MY ABILITY TO THINK FOR MYSELF
WHAT AM I TO BE IN THE FUTURE?
WHEN I THOUGHT THAT FAR...
EVERYTHING IN MY LIFE BECAME POINTLESS.
SO THIS UNKNOWN FUTURE IS MY EIDOS.
AND PRESENT ME IS JUST A SHADOW OF IT, APPARENTLY.
IN OTHER WORDS, I DON'T KNOW WHAT I'M GOING TO BE. NOBODY KNOWS.
I FELT THAT I MIGHT AS WELL... JUST DISAPPEAR.
...AND IT TURNS OUT THAT...
I'M NOT THE ONLY ONE WITH SUCH TROUBLESOME THOUGHTS
ALTHOUGH DIFFERENT IN SEVERITY, A LOT OF STUDENTS IN THIS SCHOOL SHARED THE SAME CONCERN.
THE MOMENT I REALIZED THAT...

SOMEBODY SPOKE IN MY MIND.
ON THAT EVENING, WHEN THE SKY WAS A COLORFUL TWILIGHT...
THE VOICE TOOK ME TO THIS SIDE
AND I ENCOUNTERED THE PILLAR
THE PILLAR THAT GRANTS WISHES.
IT ALSO CREATES THE [PIECES] THAT RESPOND TO THOSE WITH WISHES AND DESIRES
I FELT THAT... I COULD FIND WHAT I'M LOOKING FOR HERE...
NO... I FELT THAT I COULD FINALLY FIND MYSELF HERE.
THIS PILLAR IS WHERE EVERYONE'S WISHES GATHER.
AND THIS PURPLE LIGHT IS THE ANSWER.
THE EIDOS ITSELF.
THE PILLAR RIGHT NOW IS DETAINED.
BUT ONCE AWAKENED, THE [PIECES] WILL RETAIN ITS POWERS EVEN IF WE GO OUTSIDE OF THE SCHOOL...
AND I WILL BE ABLE TO FIND OUT WHO I AM.
I GET WHAT YOU'RE TRYING TO SAY...
BECAUSE EVEN I CAN SEE THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN WHAT MY PARENTS EXPECT ME TO BECOME AND WHAT I WANT TO BECOME.
ANYWAY... I'VE BLOCKED OFF ALL ENTRANCES TO THE SCHOOL...
BUT WHAT IF THEY TRY TO ENTER FROM OTHER PLACES?
FEAR NOT. I'VE SENT GUARDS.
EVEN IF THEY DEFEAT THEM,
WE CAN STILL STOP THEM FROM THE WALL OF [PIECES]
WELL OKAY. I'M GOING TO TAKE ANOTHER LOOK AROUND.
OKAY.
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STUDENT COUNCIL
ARGH... OUT OF ALL THE PEOPLE, NOBODY MANAGED TO GET IN...
I COULD HAVE.
YOU WERE THE WORST.
OH MY GOSH, SHE'S SMASHING EVERYTHING!!
GRRR...
CALM DOWN, YOU BITCH!! I CAN'T HAVE YOU DEMOLISHING ANOTHER BUILDING...!
WE WON'T BE ABLE TO ENTER!
LET ME GO!!
IF YOU DID DEMOLISH THE WHOLE BUILDING, THE ENTRANCE WOULD HAVE BEEN COMPLETELY BLOCKED!!
?
ANYWAY...
THE ENGINEERING CLUB GOT IN
IT'S NOW CONFIRMED THAT WE CAN ACCESS THE OTHER SIDE FROM THOSE FOUR PLACES.
ALL THE WAY INTO THE PILLAR?
YES.
YOU GUYS REMEMBER THE MAP WITH A CROSS?
THE UNDERGROUND AREA LOOKS EXACTLY LIKE THE CROSS.
HERE'S A VIDEO.
THIS IS THE MOMENT THE ROBOT WENT IN.
IT LOOKS PRETTY FAR.
BECAUSE THE SCALE IS 1:1.
PROBABLY 4~5KM.
YOU CAN SEE THE PILLAR FROM AFAR.
AS YOU CAN SEE, THE GROUND IS FULL OF SOME SORT OF LIQUID.
BUT THE CROSS APPEARS TO BE WALKABLE.
CROSS SHAPE...
YES.
BY THE WAY...
WHAT IS THAT? LOOKS LIKE A GARBAGE DUMP TO ME
AH, THAT'S THE PROBLEM RIGHT NOW.
BECAUSE OF THAT, WE CAN'T EXPLORE FURTHER IN.
IT'S BLOCKING THE WAY.
IT'S PROBABLY A BARRICADE OF SOME SORT
SO RIGHT NOW WE CAN'T APPROACH THE PILLAR EVEN IF WE MANAGED TO GET DOWN.
AND...
ACCORDING TO YEON-HO, WE MUST DESTROY THE PILLAR?
YES.
THE PILLAR IS AFFECTING THEM.
ACCORDING TO THE LOCAL GOD, UNLESS WE GET RID OF THE PILLAR ITSELF...
WE ARE GOING TO SEE A SECOND OR EVEN A THIRD YUN SOMIN IN THE FUTURE.
DESTROY IT...?
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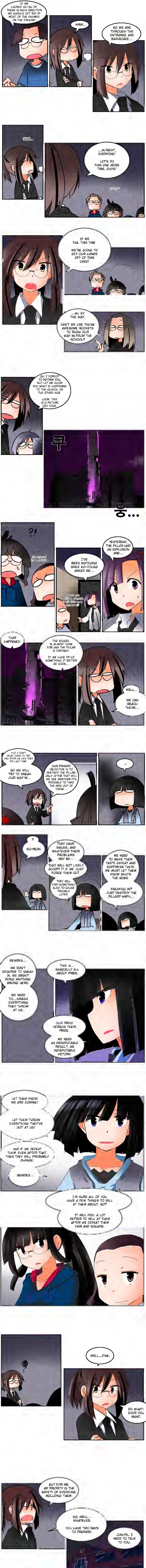
DIDN'T YOU GUYS FROM THE SCIENCE CLUB MAKE FIREWORKS OR SOMETHING DURING THE FESTIVAL?
WHY DON'T WE ASK THEM TO MAKE US BOMBS...?
NO!
EVEN IF IT'S ALLOWED, IT'S TOO DANGEROUS!
EVEN NOW I DON'T LIKE WHERE THIS IS HEADING
THIS IS GETTING OVERLY DANGEROUS AS IT IS...
AND NOW YOU WANT BOMBS?!
UNLESS WE HAVE A SAFER WAY OF DOING THIS,
I'M NO...
WE HAVE A WAY!
OH, YES, WE DO! A SAFE AND SUREFIRE WAY!
BASED ON AN IDEA SE-AH TOLD ME...
THE ENGINEERING CLUB TESTED HER THEORY AN IT WORKED!
WE JUST NEED HOLY WATER!
HOLY WATER...?
WELL, ESSENTIALLY, THE OTHER SIDE IS A WORLD OF THE OCCULT.
EVEN THE WALLS MAY LOOK LIKE CONCRETE BUT IT'S ACTUALLY SOMETHING ELSE.
SO I FIGURED A SUBSTANCE THAT IS OPPOSITE OF WHAT THE OCCULT REPRESENTS...
FOR EXAMPLE, HOLY WATER COULD HAVE AN EFFECT ON IT... I JOKINGLY TOLD HIM THAT.
...I HAD NO IDEA IT'D ACTUALLY WORK.
WE TESTED IT ON THE DOOR YOU LEFT AT THE SCIENCE CLUB.
IT MELTED AWAY!
?
SSSS...
OF COURSE, IT WON'T DO MUCH WITH HOLY WATER ALONE, SO WE MAKE WATER ROCKETS WITH IT...
THAT BARRICADE SHOULD BE EASY PEASY.
WHAT?
WATER ROCKETS?
YOU SEE, THE RANGE WILL BE PITIFUL IF WE JUST SPRAY HOLY WATER...NOT TO MENTION ITS SPREAD AND IMPACT...
BUT THIS DESIGN WILL EXPLODE AND SPREAD HOLY WATER ON IMPACT! IT FLIES A LONG DISTANCE ALSO!
Numerous balloons containing holy water contained inside of a large plastic bag
JUST TAKE IT, AIM, AND FIRE!
A rocket propelled by water pressure.
DOES IT EVEN WORK?
OH, YES!
AND SAFE!
YOU SOUND AWFULLY CONFIDENT.
BUT THE PROBLEM ISN'T JUST THE BARRICADE... WE ALSO NEED TO DEFEAT THOSE GIANTS ON TOP...
WILL THOSE WORK ON THEM AS WELL?
OF COURSE!
BUT HOW WOULD WE CARRY THOSE...? I DOUBT WE COULD CARRY A LOT...
HUHU... WE HAVE A WAY TO DO THIS!
WE EVEN TESTED THE LAUNCHES TODAY! IT WORKED FROM THE ROOF OF THE SCHOOL!
Were those fired from the school!
THAT FAR?
THE CLUB HAS BEEN IMPROVING ROCKET DESIGNS FOR A LONG TIME!
WE DON'T USE NORMAL WATER! WE USE CARBONATED WATER!
YOU KNOW THE EXPLOSIVE REACTION YOU GET WHEN YOU THROW MENTOS INTO CARBONATED WATER, RIGHT? WE ARE USING THAT.
OUR ROCKET HAS TWO STAGES. THE CARBONATED WATER IS A BOOSTER IN ADDITION TO THE WATER PRESSURE ROCKET!
Cola is used during testing. Carbonated water is used for real world usage. It is fired as soon as the mentos are inserted.
The booster part is tightened by rubber bands. When the booster loses its pressure, the rubber bands will let go of the booster, effectively separating the first stage and at the same time activating the second stage.
A custom designed muzzle and tail for stability.


IF WE LAUNCH 20-30 OF THESE IN EACH DIRECTION WE SHOULD GET RID OF MOST OF THE ENEMIES ON THE GROUND.
HMM...
SO WE ARE THROUGH THE ENTRANCE AND BARRICADE...
SIGH...
...ALRIGHT, EVERYONE!
LET'S DO THIS ONE MORE TIME, GUYS!
Sure~
IF WE FAIL THIS TIME
WE'RE GOING TO GET OUR HANDS OFF OF THIS CASE!
...AH, BY THE WAY.
CAN'T WE USE THOSE AWESOME ROCKETS TO RUSH OUR WAY IN FROM THE SCHOOL?
OH, I FORGOT TO INFORM YOU, BUT LET ME SHOW YOU WHAT IS HAPPENING TO THE SCHOOL ON THE OTHER SIDE
LOOK, THIS IS A PICTURE IRO TOOK
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The school is in ruins!
YESTERDAY, THE PILLAR HAD AN EXPLOSION AND...
I'VE BEEN WATCHING SINCE HO-YOUNG ASKED ME...
Were you waiting outside until this very moment?!
THAT HAPPENED.
THE SCHOOL IS ALMOST DONE FOR AND THE PILLAR IS EXPOSED
IF WE HAVE TO DO SOMETHING, IT BETTER BE SOON...
WELL...
WE CAN REACH THERE...
BUT I DON'T WANT THEM TO TRY AND STOP US LIKE THEY DID LAST TIME
SO WE WILL TRY TO SNEAK OUR WAY IN...
OUR PRIMARY OBJECTIVE IS TO DESTROY THE PILLAR. ONLY AFTER THAT WILL WE SEE WHETHER IT'S POSSIBLE TO TAKE THE KIDS OUT OF THERE...
...
?
SO-YEON.
THEY HAVE ISSUES, AND WHATEVER THEIR PROBLEMS MAY BE—
THEY WILL NOT LIKELY ACCEPT IT IF WE JUST FORCE THEM OUT.
THEY WILL FIND SOMETHING ELSE TO CAUSE TROUBLE LATER.
WE NEED TO MAKE THEM TASTE DEFEAT AND SUPPRESS THEM. WE MUST LET THEM KNOW WHO'S THE BOSS.
SNEAKING IN? JUST DESTROY THE PILLAR? HMPH...
BESIDES...
WE DON'T DESERVE TO SNEAK IN. WE AREN'T DOING ANYTHING WRONG HERE.
WE NEED TO...SMASH EVERYTHING THEY THROW AT US.
THIS IS... BASICALLY ALL ABOUT PRIDE.
OUR PRIDE VERSUS THEIR PRIDE.
WE NEED AN INDISPUTABLE RESULT, AN INDISPUTABLE VICTORY.
LET THEM KNOW WE ARE COMING!
LET THEM THROW EVERYTHING THEY'VE GOT AT US!
AND IF WE DEFEAT THEM EVEN AFTER THAT, THEN THEY WILL PROBABLY CHANGE.
BESIDES...
I'M SURE ALL OF YOU HAVE A FEW THINGS TO YELL AT THEM ABOUT, NO?
IT WILL FEEL A LOT BETTER TO YELL AT THEM AFTER WE DEFEAT THEM FAIR AND SQUARE.
WELL...FINE.
DO WHAT-EVER YOU WANT.
BUT FOR ME, MY PRIORITY IS THE SAFETY OF EVERYONE INCLUDING THEM
SO, WELL... WHATEVER.
YOU HAVE TWO DAYS TO PREPARE.
JUN-PIL, I NEED TO TALK TO YOU.

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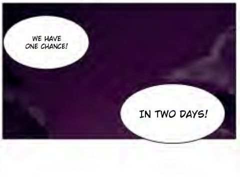
WE HAVE ONE CHANCE!
IN TWO DAYS!